

We claim:

Pub A47 1. A feeder for separating and feeding flat products, including feeding folded sheets, flat sheets, and cards, to printed-product processing machines, including gatherer stitchers, collating machines and inserting machines, the feeder comprising:

a feeder superstructure; and

an apparatus attached to said feeder superstructure for ensuring mobility of said feeder superstructure.

2. The feeder according to claim 1, wherein said feeding superstructure separates the flat products on a printed-product processing machine separately from a rest of the printed-product processing machines.

Sub A57 3. The feeder according to claim 1, wherein said apparatus has one of wheels and rollers.

4. The feeder according to claim 1, wherein said apparatus which ensures the mobility can fix said feeder superstructure in place.

5. The feeder according to claim 1, wherein said feeder superstructure and said apparatus form a modular unit.

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6. The feeder according to claim 1, wherein said feeder superstructure has a separating apparatus, and said apparatus that ensures the mobility has a subframe attached to said superstructure.

7. The feeder according to claim 6, wherein said subframe has guides and stops.

8. A transport device for printed products, comprising:

a frame; and

stops disposed on said frame for fixing mobile feeders.

9. A system for collating printed products, including folded sheets, flat sheets, and cards, the system comprising:

feeders;

a transport device for gathering the printed products; and

a supporting device supporting at least one of said feeders, said supporting device supporting said at least one of said feeders forming a module being independent of said transport device.

10. The system for collating printed products according to claim 9, wherein said supporting device is able to connect to said transport device.

11. The system for collating printed products according to claim 9, wherein said module has an apparatus which ensures mobility of said at least one of said feeders.

12. A gatherer stitcher, comprising:

a feeder containing:

a feeder superstructure; and

an apparatus attached to said feeder superstructure for ensuring mobility of said feeder superstructure.

13. A gatherer stitcher, comprising:

a transport device for transporting printed products, containing:

a frame; and

stops disposed on said frame for fixing mobile feeders.

14. A collating machine, comprising:

a feeder containing:

a feeder superstructure; and

an apparatus attached to said feeder superstructure for ensuring mobility of said feeder superstructure.

15. A collating machine, comprising:

a transport device for transporting printed products, containing:

a frame; and

stops disposed on said frame for fixing mobile feeders.

16. An inserting machine, comprising:

a feeder containing:

a feeder superstructure; and

an apparatus attached to said feeder superstructure for

ensuring mobility of said feeder superstructure.

17. An inserting machine, comprising:

a transport device for transporting printed products,
containing:

a frame; and

stops disposed on said frame for fixing mobile feeders.

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